

Dear Dave,

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Another of these twist and tween notes, twist cleaning a little more of the desk up and going out for the mail, generally a little late Saturdays.

I put in the envelopes a few Post stories from Israel and about the abortion that Bush refers to as a Middle-East peace conference, without any comments.

A few now, if you have time to read them and the interest. If you have kept them in time I'm of the opinion they will be useful, to the degree that they do reflect the radically changed Bush policy. They reflect it less than they can and should because we have a whore press and it supports its pimp.

Bush has already created the situation in which Israel will be blamed for what now appears to be inevitable failure. This past week what the Arab powers have done and said means certain failure because Israel cannot accept it and hope to survive. The recent confab in which they decided that none will agree to what all do not agree to. We do not now know, unless the Times has reported what the Post did not, what is included within this "all." I think you can see that Iraq, Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia at the very least do not want anything that can be called peace.

Assad has already announced that his minimum terms begin with the return of the Golan heights. That alone would mean no peace for Israel, the reason Israel fought so costly a part of that war to take it.

This past week Iran announced its willingness to send its army to drive Jews out of Israel.

There is no need to talk about Saddam. Among other things those enormous cannon he had, some in place, were aimed at Israel. To say nothing of the SCUDs all of which, I understand, have not been located. Syria has been getting more of them from the east.

I could go on and on. Like with Saudi Arabia's insistence that we not use its land as a base and get all that stuff out. Or sell it to them. For what do they need it? Or why does Syria need more SCUDs and the like? Or Saddam all he was developing? Any chance he'd have used nuclear or CBW ~~HA~~ weapons against Arabs?

Jordan is a real problem because it is more than 75% of Palestine, because it is an economic basket case, and because a majority of its people are Palestinians, now swelled enormously from Kuwait, which Palestinians have had to flee, those who could. Those who were able to now represent a major faction of the total population. So, Hussein also has to worry about staying in power. That was the real reason he had to fight to expel the PLO, which really was about to take Jordan over.

In short, although you do not have the time, poor, inadequate, angled and unfair as they are, those clippings do to a degree record the history as it is beginning to change both with regard to Israel and the position the Arabs are staking out in the world all while, with Bush's cooperation if not really leadership, they are doing ^{munk} including as a means of staying in power and of denying anything like a democratic society to their own people who have lived under authoritarianisms all their lives. Along with this, I

authentications at home. Best. 11